

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 14 as follows:**

In recent years, a distribution of content (e.g. video, audio, program soft, etc.) using a network such as a broadband network has been widely available. Further, a content distribution using a Blue ray Disc-Record Only Memory (BD-ROM) package has been under ~~the~~ review. In general, the content is encrypted so that a user needs to obtain a decryption key corresponding to the content. Furthermore, the use of content is most likely to be restricted based on the premise of fee payment. Therefore, the user needs to use the content in accordance with ~~to~~ predetermined license information (e.g. license ticket). Here, the “license ticket” is information including “content reproduction condition information” which defines a condition for restricting the use of content and an encrypted “content key” which is a key for decrypting a received content. The “content reproduction condition information” is, for example, information for defining a date, total amount of time and the number of times that are available for reproduction.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 3 as follows:**

Consequently, the license information is stored in said storage unit and validity of the license ticket is examined based on a correspondence table in which information which can identify the license ticket (e.g. LT\_ID) and information indicating update history of the license information (e.g. the number of update times) are associated with each other. Therefore, in addition to limiting ~~limit~~ the storage memory of the storage unit to the minimum, the license information can be managed with higher security.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18 as follows:**

Accordingly, a delivery and circulation of digital copyrighted works via a digital broadcast, package soft, network and the like are encouraged. In a present time when a proper copyright protection is requested, the practical value of the present invention is very high. As further information about the technical background to this application, the disclosure of Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-032676 filed on February 9, 2004 including specification, drawings and claims is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 10 as follows:**

Here, in the content reproduction apparatus 100, the same marks are attached to the same functional structures as in the conventional content reproduction apparatus 500. Also, descriptions about the same structures are omitted in here.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 19 as follows:**

The content reproduction condition management unit 111 is a section which ~~where~~ controls the TRM unit 110 as a whole, and updates the content reproduction information 511a corresponding to the content every time when the content is reproduced by the user, while encrypting a license ticket corresponding to the encrypted content 550 obtained via the center 600 and storing into the secure flash unit 120.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 26 as follows:**

The secure flash unit 120 is, for example a general flash memory. However, it has a characteristic that an a-encryption/decryption is performed with the TRM unique key in the case of writing or reading the license ticket corresponding to the content 550 (i.e. the content reproduction condition information 511a and the encrypted content key 511b). Specifically, the content reproduction condition management unit 111 decrypts the license ticket read out from the secure flash unit 120 using the TRM unique key stored in the TRM unique key storage unit 513. Also, it encrypts the updated license ticket using the TRM unique key and writes into the secure flash unit 120. Here, the secure flash unit is an example of a storage unit.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 30 as follows:**

In the first embodiment, ~~it is explained~~ an example is described in which ~~that~~ the license ticket corresponding to the content is stored in the secure flash unit and an increase of the storage memory of the TRM unit is prevented. In this embodiment, another ~~it is explained further an~~ example is described which prevents ~~to prevent~~ the license ticket stored in the secure flash unit from being to be ~~rewritten~~ without permission.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 21 as follows:**

FIG. 6 is a block diagram showing a functional structure of the content reproduction apparatus 200 according to the present embodiment. Note that, in the content reproduction apparatus 200, the same marks are attached to the same functional structures as in the content reproduction

apparatus 100 in the first embodiment. In addition, the description about the same structure is omitted ~~in here~~.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 13 as follows:**

The total control unit 213 is a section which ~~where~~ controls the content reproduction condition management unit 211 as a whole. For example, it is a micro computer having a ROM and RAM. In addition to the function of the total control unit 113 in the first embodiment, the total control unit 213 controls the digital signature management unit 214. Further, the total control unit 213 creates information of a pair of the LT\_ID and the number of update times (hereafter referred to as “concatenated information”).

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 12 as follows:**

FIG. 9 is a flowchart showing a process of the content reproduction condition management unit 211 in the present embodiment. Here, the same marks are attached to the same process shown in the flowchart of FIG. 4 in the first embodiment and the description about the same process is omitted.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 13 as follows:**

Also, in the second embodiment, it is explained as an example that the correspondence table is held in the TRM unit. However, the correspondence table may ~~be also~~ be stored in the secure flash unit and hush value in the correspondence table may be held in the TRM unit. Furthermore, digital signature or hush value for each license ticket is stored in the secure flash unit, and the hush value

may be stored in the TRM unit. Note that, the reproduction condition (e.g. validity period for reproduction) that is not necessary to be updated in the content reproduction condition information of the license ticket is not provided on the correspondence list. Instead, the memory storage may be reduced.